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report on three uranium mines in the Zadni Chodov area, south of Marianske Lazne. The report includes a map sketch showing the location of the mines.

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Attachment (2 pages and 1 map sketch):

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new shafts were opened in 1952, which administratively belong to the 3rd Inspectorate in Marianske Lazne.

Although all three shafts are completely equipped only the shaft I, and II, are being exploited. The shaft III, mining tower was erected and necessary buildings put up as well as fenced in with barbed wire but no mining has been started up to March 1956, probably due to the shortage of labor. The three shafts were to be manned by prisoners but neither of the exploited shafts have prisoners working there; this may be the result of the amnesty.

2. Location:

- 1) Shaft I: is located approximately at the 572 m elevation point, by the southeastern point of the Gutha Berg forest, 634 m. A fairly well kept road leads to the shaft I, which ends there.
- 2) Shaft II: is located south from shaft I, and III, about 400 meters north from the Zadni Chodov - Broumov road. The shaft is in the eastern protruberance of the forest.
- 3) Shaft III: is located between the I and II, shafts, at the eastern protruberant part of the forest, near the 592 elevation point.

This entire area was in the border-restricted zone but when the mines were opened the sector was excluded from restriction.

3. Description of the shafts: The three shafts have the usual type of equipment and are covering approximately 200 x 200 meters area each. They are surrounded by double row of barbed wire, which is the usual precaution for employing prisoners. By each shaft there is a mining tower, next to which is the machine shop and a masonry compressor building. There is also a store for miner's lamps, masonry, about 12 x 8 meters. Offices are in a groundfloor, masonry building, 10 x 15 meters. There three wooden huts, 8 x 16 meters, for storing of various mining equipment and which also serve as cloakrooms. Each shaft has its own transformer. Guardhouse is a wooden hut and is manned by plant's guards. The shafts had 5 galleries and at the beginning of 1956, the sixth gallery was opened up. The first gallery is about 30-35 meters below the surface.

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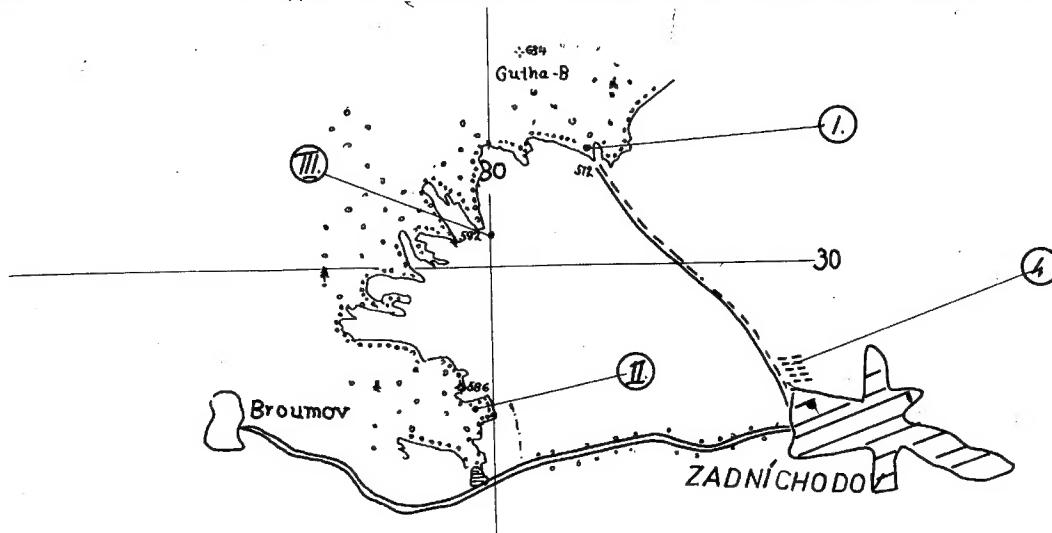
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4. Output: In the shaft II, during one 8-hour shift about 320-340 carts of raw material were mined. Each cart contains about  $\frac{1}{2}$  cu. meter of ore. Output of the shaft I, is approximately the same. The two shafts work 3 shifts, fully manned.
5. Transportation: The ore is transported from the mine in Tatra 111 type trucks to Horni Zdar, where allegedly is the sorting shop for uranium ore situated.
6. Employees: There are about 600 miners working in the shaft II; The workers are not miners by profession; they work here because of the comparatively high wages. An average monthly pay is 3,000 crowns net. The shaft I, has approximately the same number of workers. About one half of the workers live in the surrounding villages and the other half live in the brigade workers camp which is situated in Zadni Chodov by the road leading to the shaft I. The contracts nowadays are being issued for three years period and therefore to quit the job at the mines is possible only on doctor's recommendation.
7. Five-Year-Plan: Both shafts have been fulfilling the plan 100% and on some occasions it has been fulfilled a few per cent above the prescribed plan.
8. The shafts are being guarded by plant's guards armed with rifles and pistols. Entry to the shafts is allowed only upon presentation of an identity card.

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